

Application Number 10/750,316
Amendment responsive to Office Action mailed August 10, 2005

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated August 10, 2005. Applicants have amended claims 7, 13, 17, 20, 21, 23 and 28, and canceled claims 19, 25 and 29. Claims 1-18, 20-24, 26-28 and 30 are now pending. In the comments below, Applicants discuss each of the claims in numerical order.

Claims 1-6

The Office Action allowed claims 1-6.

Claims 7-9

The Office Action indicated that claims 7-9 include allowable subject matter, but rejected these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In particular, the Office Action noted a discrepancy between Applicants' specification and the features recited in claim 7.

Applicants thank the Examiner for identifying the typographical error in claim 7. Applicants have amended claim 7 to fix the error and make claims 7-9 consistent with the specification. Claims 7-9 are now in condition for allowance.

Claims 10-16

The Office Action allowed claims 10-16. Claim 13 has been amended to address a minor typographical error.

Claims 17-22

The Office Action rejected independent claim 17, but indicated that dependent claim 19 is allowable. In this Amendment, Applicants have amended claim 17 to include the features formerly recited in claim 19, which is now canceled. Based on this amendment, claims 17-18 and 20-22 are now in condition for allowance.

The amendment to claim 17 has been made solely in the interest of expediting this application to issuance. However, by virtue of this amendment, Applicants do not necessarily acquiesce to the propriety of the rejection of claim 17.

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Claims 23-26

The Office Action rejected independent claim 23, but indicated that dependent claim 25 is allowable. In this Amendment, Applicants have amended claim 23 to include the features formerly recited in claim 25, which is now canceled. Based on this amendment, claims 23-24 and 26 are now in condition for allowance.

The amendment to claim 23 has been made solely in the interest of expediting this application to issuance. However, by virtue of this amendment, Applicants do not necessarily acquiesce to the propriety of the rejection of claim 23.

Claim 27

The Office Action allowed claim 27.

Claims 28-30

The Office Action rejected independent claim 28, but indicated that dependent claim 29 is allowable. In this Amendment, Applicants have amended claim 28 to include the features formerly recited in claim 29, which is now canceled. Applicants have also clarified the claim by removing the term "interface" from the features formerly recited in claim 29, as the phrase "interface circuit" did not formerly have antecedent basis in claim 29. Based on this amendment, claims 28 and 30 are now in condition for allowance.

The amendment to claim 28 has been made solely in the interest of expediting this application to issuance. However, by virtue of this amendment, Applicants do not necessarily acquiesce to the propriety of the rejection of claim 28.

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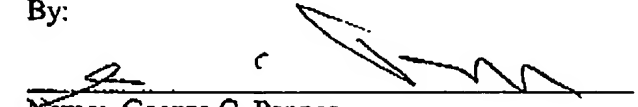
Conclusion

All claims in this application are in condition for allowance. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 17-0026. The Examiner is invited to telephone the below-signed attorney to discuss this application.

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